

Council Meeting
12-16-2024

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Walter Cowart, Celestine Hayes and Jody Greene.

Others Present: City Manager Mark Barber, City Clerk Rhonda Rowe, City Attorney Tim Tanner, members of staff and the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024 as presented. Councilman McClain seconded with all in favor.

Special Presentations: This was the first year that the City of Adel has planned and organized the annual Christmas parade. Mr. Barber expressed his appreciation to Adel MainStreet Director, Dana David, for the great job with this year's parade and stated we had over 85 entries. There was a viewing stand set up and the parade was live streamed by CBS, Channel 44. The top three entry award winners were recognized and given a trophy. The award winners were:

Gordon Avenue Baptist Church – 3rd Place

Jessi July Clothing Company – 2nd Place

Cook County Schools Bus Shop – 1st Place

Mayor Duke complimented all the efforts and noted the success of this year's parade.

Alcoholic Beverage License (Vraj 19, LLC): Due to a change in ownership, an application for the retail sale of beer and wine has been filed by Vraj 19, LLC, located at 600 W. 4th Street. All documentation and fees have been submitted and paid. Councilman Cowart made a motion to approve the license. Councilman McClain seconded. All were in favor.

Resolution #24-08: This resolution, pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Adel, was presented to the council for renewal. In January 2023 the Georgia Municipal Association introduced the newly created Embrace Civility Program. The City of Adel was one of the first cities to adopt the recommended resolution. The resolution lets our community know the way we govern ourselves is as important as the positions we take. The resolution expires every other year. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the renewal resolution. Councilman McClain seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals: The following license holders have applied for the renewal of their alcohol license for year 2025 and were as follows:

El Carrisal Mexican Restaurant, Inc.

Reynolds IGA Foodliner, Inc.

ADELSAI1995, LLC

Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC
Circle K Stores, Inc,
Blazin Hog Bar & Grill, LLC

Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the license renewals. Councilman McClain seconded. There were no opposing votes.

Staff Comments:

Mark Barber – Provided the Christmas Schedule, noting the City offices would be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

Provided the holiday schedule for garbage pickup. If you are normally on the Tuesday route, your collection day will be on Monday during the week of Christmas. If your collection day is normally on Wednesday, you will be picked up on Thursday.

Noted the number of activities that were held in the City of Adel over the last two months. The events included the Fall Festival, Small Business Saturday, Tree Lighting, Movie in the Park, Parade and Shaun Hopper Concert. He complimented Dana David and Brandie Dame for their efforts in putting together events for our community.

Christmas Luncheon – Reminded the council of the City’s Christmas Luncheon to be held tomorrow at noon.

Council Comments:

Celestine Hayes – Asked if we were any closer as to when we will meet about zoning. Mr. Barber advised that the Carl Vinson Institute of Gov’t will be overseeing this. They are reviewing their schedules for a proposed time, but due to the holidays, it will probably be in January before we have a date.

Terry McClain – Asked for an update on the storm debris collection. Mr. Barber stated that the contractors have picked up the pace a little bit since they have removed the majority of the larger items. Over the last two weeks, they’ve been able to expedite it a little more. FEMA has agreed to allow the City to assist and FEMA has also extended the reimbursement time to allow for some additional days to complete the clean-up. He is hoping they will be finished in mid January.

Mayor Duke – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the council for their work this year.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor

